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**NOTICE REGARDING REPLY BRIEF**

An Examiner's Answer was mailed March 30, 2010 with respect to the appeal pending for the above matter. Upon review and consideration of the Examiner's Answer, we note the following.

The Examiner's Answer is substantially the same as the final rejection from which this appeal was made, and any deviations from the final rejection appear to be clarifications of the Examiner's previously stated points that do not raise new issues to be addressed. Accordingly, the Appeal Brief filed February 24, 2010 fully responds to and addresses the issues discussed in the Examiner's Answer, and no further briefing is deemed necessary at this time.

For the reasons stated in the Appeal Brief, we respectfully request reversal of the rejections of this application, and we therefore respectfully seek a reversal of the Examiner's rejection of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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